

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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ROOM ONE CLASS REPORT

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Assembly

We have been SO busy practising our assembly and learning about St Brigid. We even created our own rap songs because we couldn't find a good one to use! We will share these with you on Facebook because we've filmed them!

Maths

We have started working with Room 2 for our Maths and have begun to organise our groups and all the activities and things we need to do.

Tuakana/Teina

We have been having buddy time with Room 4 again and some of us have some new buddies! We're still looking out for our old buddies that are now in Room 3.

All About Me Presentations

Last week we started creating some Google Slide presentations about ourselves which we will share with the class next week! We had to put them on hold while we practised our Assembly!

Looking forward to an amazing year!

Principal's Message



A big thank you to families, friends, students and staff for a fantastic start back to 2021 - it is very good to be under way again. I know most of the students are pleased to be back into school routine.

I have spoken of the importance of keeping learning at the forefront of school life and reminded each student to form learning teams incorporating their teacher, parents, family and friends. I also reminded them that we can all show respect, care and responsibility.

We have enjoyed a wonderful first two weeks, and although they may have been short weeks we definitely fitted a lot in! Routines, expectations and class programmes have been quickly established and the classrooms are a hive of activity – well done everyone!

On another note, we are an EnviroSchool and that comes with particularly respecting the environment. At St Brigid's School, we should reflect the values of Christ portrayed and lived so well by St Francis of Assisi who definitely respected the environment and all living creatures.

We can make some choices, which may seem insignificant to some but collectively it can be a major factor in helping the environment. At our school this is what that will look like:

1. Having enviro friendly lunchboxes.
2. Trying to use less plastic wrapping and packaging for our lunches.
3. Trying to use reusable containers in our lunch boxes.
4. Using our bins correctly for recycling.
5. Turning taps off properly so we don't waste.
6. Avoiding single use plastic containers.

We look forward to working on this with you this year.

- Open Door Policy: At St Brigid's we have an open door policy. This means that you as parents can ask questions, get or give feedback, report problems, or share ideas. If a problem arises which concerns your child then it is best to go and see the teacher first and then if you are not happy with the outcome you can see the Principal.
- Thank you to everyone that attended our Welcome Mass and our Meet the Teacher Evening on Wednesday.
- Cricket Smash Morning: On Monday 15th February we are going to have a Cricket player coming to take a cricket session with each class. Please make sure your child is wearing their Sports Uniform this Monday.
- PE Wednesdays: Our very popular PE Wednesdays are returning for another year! Please make sure your child is wearing their Sports Uniform every Wednesday.
- Absences: If your child is going to be absent please ring the office prior to 9am or leave a message on the answerphone. You can also send the office an email on office@stbrigidsgn.school.nz Due to regulations schools are required to code children's absences for the Ministry so please let us also know the reason your child is not at school, for example illness, doctors appointment, etc.

Dates To Remember

What's On This Week?

Wed 17 th Feb	Cricket Smash Morning at School
Sun 21 st Feb	Parish School Mass 9.30am at St Patrick's

What's On This Term?

Wed 24 th Feb	BOT Meeting 7pm
Fri 26 th Feb	Assembly – Room 2 at 2.40pm in hall
March	
Fri 5 th Mar	COL Sports Day & Mass
Sun 7 th Mar	Weetbix Kids TRYathlon
Wed 10 th Mar	Dunedin Schools Triathlon
Fri 12 th Mar	Assembly – Room 3 at 2.40pm in hall
Sun 14 Mar	Open Afternoon (Note: Change of Date)
Mon 15 th Mar	Parent / Teacher Discussions 3 – 6pm
Wed 17 th Mar	Parent / Teacher Discussions 3 – 6pm
Mon 22 nd Mar	Otago Anniversary Day – School Closed
Thurs 25 Mar	Sacrament Evening 6pm at St Patrick's
Fri 26 th Mar	Assembly – Room 4 at 2.40pm in hall
Sun 28 th Mar	Parish School Mass 9.30am at St Patrick's
April	
Fri 2 nd Apr	Good Friday – School Closed
Mon 5 th Apr	Easter Monday – School Closed
Tues 6 th Apr	Easter Tuesday – School Closed
Fri 16 th Apr	Last Day of Term 1

School Assemblies:

Assemblies are usually held every second Friday in the hall at 2.40pm. All families and extended families are most welcome to attend all assemblies. Children share their work and children's achievements are celebrated and recognised. The advertised class shares a prayer.

Assemblies for Term 1 are:

- 26 February – Room 2
- 12 March – Room 3
- 26 March – Room 4

Friday Masses: Every Friday a class celebrates Mass in the hall at 10am. Everyone is welcome! The Mass timetable is as follows:

- 19 February – Room 2
- 26 February – Room 3
- 5 March – COL Mass and Sports Day
- 12 March – Rooms 1 & 4
- 19 March – Whole School
- 26 March – Room 2
- 2 April – No Mass (Good Friday School Closed)
- 9 April – Room 3
- 16 April – Whole School

Sports Update

Summer Sports: Registrations are now closed.

Sports Code of Conduct Form - each player has received this form. Please complete players and parents sections and return it by Monday 15th February. Team lists were sent home yesterday for our Summer Sports; Futsal, Flippa Ball, and Rippa Rugby.

NB: The T-Ball teams remain the same as Term 4, as games are a continuation of the Summer Season Competitions started at the end of last year.

Flippaball: Begins on Sunday 14th February. Training on Saturday. Any queries to Linh Ashton 021 800 859

Draw: to be advised.

Futsal: Year 1-2 & Year 3-4 games are played on Tuesdays. Tuesday Competition begins on 16th February and runs for 8 weeks with the final game on 6th April.

Year 5-6 games are played on Wednesdays. Wednesday Competition begins on 17th February and runs for 8 weeks with the final game on 7th April. All games are played at the Edgar Centre. Draw: To be advised.

T-Ball: Draw for this Saturday:

Saints (T-Ball) vs Wakari 10am - Diamond 6
Steelers (Softball) vs Spartans Tigers - Diamond 9.

Rippa Rugby: Draw – Monday 15 February: St Brigid's v VMB Hammerhead at 4:20pm on Field 2

BOT News:

❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 24th February

PTA News:

Next meeting: Date yet to be confirmed.

Kind regards

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

●Facebook and School Email

Please check that you are a member of our St Brigid's School Dunedin (Official) Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1568584149837502> which is our private group and that you are following our Public St Brigid's School Page <https://www.facebook.com/stbrigidsdunedin> as we often post important information on these pages (especially our official one) that can sometimes be time sensitive such as google forms for sports, lunch orders etc that are often closed at a certain time.

This is the best way to get school information out to everyone quickly. We also email information regularly; newsletters etc so please email office@stbrigidsdn.school.nz to update your details if you have not been receiving these.

2021 Weetbix Tryathlon Dunedin: Sunday 7th March, Memorial Park – Mosgiel. Get your team together or participate as an individual, such a fun event. We will have a marquee for St Brigid's there on the day to hang out in. Your entry fees include:

- Official Bib Number.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Pack with miscellaneous offers and giveaways from our partners.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon T-shirt.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Swim Cap.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Drawstring Bag.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Finishers medal.
- Complimentary Breakfast at the Weet-Bix Better Brekkie Breakfast tent.
- All TRYathletes are eligible for spot prizes (must attend prize giving).

We have a St Brigid's School group set up to join, click here <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/GroupAcceptance.aspx?E=40598&G=119807>.

RE Comment

8th Waitangi Day

Although recognised as a significant day since its signing in 1840 it did not become a national holiday until the 1970s.

The Waitangi Day Act 1960 **declared that 6th February would be known as Waitangi Day and would** be observed throughout the country 'as a national day of thanksgiving in commemoration of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi'.

The call for the 6th February to be a nationwide public holiday continued from the early promises made in 1957. Prime Minister Norman Kirk announcing that from 1974 it would be a national holiday known as New Zealand Day. The Waitangi Day Act 1976 reinstated the name Waitangi Day.

So we have a Holy Day of sorts to reflect as a country, in thanksgiving, for the founding document of our nationhood.

Aotearoa

Tōna pai me toitū
Tika rawa, pono pū;
Tōna noho, tāna tū;
Iwi nō Ihowā.
Kaua mōna whakamā;
Kia hau te ingoa;
Kia tū hei tauria;
Aotearoa

God Defend New Zealand

May our mountains ever be
Freedom's ramparts on the
sea,
Make us faithful unto Thee,
God defend our free land.
Guide her in the nations' van,
Preaching love and truth to
man,
Working out Thy glorious plan,
God defend New Zealand.

Māori translation

Let its good features endure,
Let righteousness and honesty
prevail
Among the people of God
Let it never be ashamed,
But rather, let its name be known
Thereby becoming the model to
emulate
Aotearoa



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